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Hamilton's Mock Trial teams advance to Open Round Championship Series

by Ethan Tse '22
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The Hamilton College Mock Trial team (pictured above) traveled to Buffalo, New York to participate in the regional Mock Trial Tournament on Feb. 8 and 9.

On Feb. 8 and 9, the Hamilton Mock Trial team traveled to Buffalo, New York, to participate in the Regional Mock Trial Tournament. The tournament, which was held at the State University College at Buffalo (SUNY) and is one of 32 Regional Mock Trial Tournaments hosted around the country where the top 16-26 teams compete to advance to the next round. Hamilton's B and A team scored first and third respectively out of 19 other teams, advancing to the Opening Round Championship Series (ORCS).

If the team places within the top six at ORCS, they will move on to the National Championship where the top 48 Mock Trial teams in the country compete for the final round title. Each team that competes in regionals is given four trials total, two of which they are the prosecution and the other two they are the defense.

Each round works much like an actual trial where attorneys on each team can call three witnesses to testify. At the end of the trial, two judges give each side a score and the differential between them determines the winner.

Hamilton's team has consistently performed well in the past, and co-captain Ryan Stewart '21 says that this year is no different. Stewart explains how, despite being relatively young, the team has worked incredibly hard to get to this point and may have a chance at making Nationals.

While the team has made it past regionals before they have struggled to advance to the final round, so Stewart and his co-captain Isabelle Mosbargar '20 are excited to see what this season has in store. While the spring is their most competitive season, the team works hard throughout the school year meeting two nights a week to go over scripts, memorize and prepare to compete. The team also stays pretty busy in the fall with various invitational tournaments.

These events are not affiliated with the American Mock Trial Association, but are independently organized by schools in the region. While these tournaments do not contribute to any national standings, they do help the team practice for the spring in a slightly less stressful environment. Whether one sees law as a hobby or as a career, Mock Trial is a great way to experience the environment of a courtroom. According to Stewart, around three-quarters of the team plans on studying law after Hamilton.

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The Regional Mock Trial Tournament is one of 32 tournaments held around the country where the top 16-26 teams compete to advance to the Opening Round Championship Series (ORCS). The Feb. 8 and 9 regional was held at Buffalo State College, pictured above.

Student Assembly allocates strategic funding for student organizations

by Laura Hornby '20
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Student Assembly (2018-19 delegation pictured above) held its biannual strategic funding meeting—at which much of the funding for student organizations is allocated—on Feb. 10.

On Feb. 10, Student Assembly (SA) held a meeting to allocate strategic budget funds to student organizations on campus for events and activities. Student organization leaders attended the meeting to ask questions of SA members, advocate for their club's budget to pass, or to work with SA to reach a mutual agreement on funding outcomes.

In the weeks leading up to the meeting, student groups submitted budget proposals to the SA Treasurer Nicole Ramirez '23. These budgets must be submitted on time and according to a list of constitutional funding rules, which include requiring itemized lists with specific prices and dates for events.

The funding committee, composed of treasurers from each class year, reviewed each budget proposal, an extensive process that can take up to 10 hours. The class treasurers that comprise the funding committee are Julian Perricone '20, Shavell Jones '21, Lóri Fejes '22 and Omar Lopez '23. The funding committee then submitted its funding recommendations to the entire assembly for discussion and voting at this meeting. When evaluating budgets the funding committee states that they work to be fair, impartial and transparent about recommendations.

Late budgets or those that violated funding codes were automatically denied funding and asked to resubmit for consideration for non-strategic funding at next week's meeting. Some groups, including the DJ Club, Photography Club, Classics Club and Grilling Club, were denied funding because they submitted late and were instead considered for non-strategic funding.

Other clubs were denied funding for violating section 11 of the funding code, including Special K, Duelly Noted, Mock Trial and Untitled @ Large. This means that if organizations do not roll back money before the deadline, the last non-strategic meeting of last semester, then they are ineligible for strategic funding for the next semester. However, these clubs are still eligible for non-strategic funding and were asked to resubmit for the meeting on Feb 17.

In the meeting, discussions with club leaders considered the number of students involved with a club's event, the value of the experience the club provides and whether there are alternative sources of funding available or cheaper options to mitigate costs.

After discussion with club leaders, a motion to override a funding code prohibiting funding for an event within 10 days of a club's budget proposal submission passed, granting funds to TedX's 2020 political divisions, which is a live TedX event that brings speakers to campus.

The discussion resulted in funding for Debate Club, Boffer Club, Scottish Country Dance, HamTrek, SAAC, Powder Club, and American Chemical Society. Other clubs, including Poetry Slam, Smash Club and Finance Club, were instructed to resubmit once they have a more concrete idea of the cost of their event. More information about the meeting is available in the SA meeting minutes.

PHOTO COURTESY OF HAMILTON COLLEGE STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Student Assembly (members of the 2019-20 delegation pictured with President David Wippman) held a meeting on Feb. 10 to allocate strategic budget funds to student organizations on campus for events and activities. Before the meeting, student groups submitted budget proposals to the SA Treasurer Nicole Ramirez '23 (third from left).

College hosts ISC Leadership Retreat for Greek society leaders

by Daniella Edwards '21
Staff Writer

PHOTOS COURTESY OF HAMILTON COLLEGE

The Greek society leadership retreat, led by Travis Hill (pictured right) and his wife Lisa, was held in the Sadove Student Center (pictured left) on Sunday, Feb. 16.

Last Sunday, Feb. 16 at 12 p.m., the Inter-Society Council (ISC) hosted the second annual ISC Leadership retreat in the Sadove Conference Room. The ISC is a student organization meant to govern all private societies and act as a voice for the Greek societies on campus to communicate with the administration.

Assistant Dean for Student Engagement Travis Hill, who oversees Greek life on campus, led the workshop alongside his wife, Lisa. The aim of the workshop was to help the student Greek life representatives focus on their individual strengths as leaders.

Members of the societies present included students that held leadership positions in their societies such as president, vice president and treasurer. To help students recognize their leadership qualities, the leaders present were asked to determine their top five strengths before the workshop using the Clifton Strengths test. Those attending the workshop received personalized materials based on their results of the Clifton Strengths test at the event. Students compared their results with the other society representatives to examine how their leadership qualities came together and how they can improve as leaders.

Another part of the retreat focused on overall improvement of the Greek societies on campus. Discussions touched on how each society exhibits its values through practices such as rush, pledging, chapter meetings and everyday interactions. The leaders also had the chance to collaborate and propose more ideas on how they can increase the presence of their values into the practices discussed.

President of Phi Beta Chi Mason Sheridan '20, notes that the workshop gave her "the specific language to describe [her] strengths and why [she succeeds] in [those] areas." For Sheridan, this both empowers her to know more about herself and is useful for job interviews. Additionally, the workshop helped her realize "that strengths are not necessarily just what areas you excel in, but what kinds of tasks fuel and leave you invigorated, rather than drained." Overall, Sheridan feels that "the workshop served as a great reminder to always strive to better our society as a group and as individuals."

Campus Safety Incident Report

In an effort to increase Campus Safety's transparency, *The Spectator* publishes a selection of the previous week's incidents each Thursday. Both Campus Safety and *The Spectator* use discretion regarding what is published.

Wednesday, February 12

8:00 P.M. Complaint – Milbank Residence Hall

Thursday, February 13

7:00 A.M. Concern For Welfare – Saunders House

7:57 A.M. Trouble Alarm – Sage Ice Rink

2:36 P.M. Trouble Alarm – South Residence Hall

5:34 P.M. Assist – Schambach Wellin Hall

9:12 P.M. Noise Complaint – McIntosh Residence Hall

10:13 P.M. Noise Complaint – Dunham Residence Hall

Saturday, February 15

9:43 A.M. Assist – Kennedy Arts Center

5:22 P.M. Concern For Welfare – Skenandoa Hall

10:32 P.M. Fire Alarm – Sage Ice Rink

10:44 P.M. Noise Complaint – Milbank Residence Hall

Sunday, February 16

12:21 A.M. Medical Emergency – Babbitt Residence Hall

12:37 A.M. Noise Complaint – Major Residence Hall

Monday, February 17

10:16 A.M. Fire Alarm – Chapel (COOP)

3:52 P.M. Tresspassing Complaint – Scott Field House

6:46 P.M. Tow Vehicle – Parking Lots: Morris House

8:37 P.M. Noise Complaint – South Residence Hall

Tuesday, February 18

7:23 A.M. Concern For Welfare – Root Residence Hall

Break your phone, it's fun

Last Wednesday, Feb. 12 my precious phone completely stopped working. At first, I was panicked and genuinely concerned about how I would be able to function in my daily life without a cell phone. My daily life is all on my phone. I feel like I am constantly texting my friends about when and where to eat, checking my emails for The Spectator or school, and watching TikToks to distract myself. It turns out that I am just addicted to my phone. I was fine, even better off without it. It was almost liberating to be unable to be reached most of the time, and I was not mindlessly scrolling when I had free time. I actually had to wait in lines alone with nothing to do, which was very weird, and I could not walk down Martin's Way with headphones in. My roommate had to wake me up when she woke up because I couldn't set an alarm. It was a nice break into the real world from my phone.

What I have learned over the past six days without a phone is that I can use my computer to do most of the things on my phone.

Everyone, you don't need your phone on you all the time. Put it down every once in a while.

Sincerely,
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Forget the snow with the exciting events of FebFest 2020

by Maeve Wroblewski '23
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With heaps of snow, frigid winds, and piles of homework, February is a pretty bleak month at Hamilton College. Thankfully, last week provided us with plenty of distractions.

As most of Hamilton students know, FebFest is an annual celebration that began at Hamilton in 1925. It combines numerous old traditions with of activities planned by the Campus Activities Board (CAB) in order to encourage staff and students alike to make the most of our snowy campus.

This year's schedule was packed with a wide variety of activities for our enjoyment, including Create-a-Cub, a comedy show, bowling, beer-tasting, and chocolate-tasting. There was even a screening of Rocky Horror —a perfect choice, since Rocky Horror is famous for its goofy humor. Many of these events were marked as "Swag Stops," meaning that there was a chance you would be given some sweet Hamilton merch to commemorate FebFest 2020. This was especially appreciated because, as college students, we love free stuff. One of the favorites was free mugs at the CAB acoustic coffeehouse concert where Myles Cameron and bülow performed. Free hot chocolate, stickers, and free Opus cookies (another college student favorite) were great additions to this week of fun events. A night of food trucks was also among the events and included amazing food from Ting's Twist on Thai, Mangia Macrina, and Holy Smoques.

While Hamilton is full of busy students, the schedule was extensive enough to allow many of us to make it to at least one event. For me, I got the chance to attend Create-a-Cub. Making stuffed animals together with my friends was wholesome, and it was even better to see other students carrying theirs around campus. Sometimes it is therapeutic to do silly things like that and that is what FebFest is all about!

If you did not make it to any FebFest events this time around, I highly encourage you to come next year. I'm sure CAB will have plenty of exciting things in store for February 2021. Get ready for more swag and free food!

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Some FebFest events were "Swag Stops" where students could pick up FebFest gear. CAB's comedy show on Feb. 12 had these beanies.

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Students got the opportunity to destress by building their own stuffed animal at CAB's Create-a-Cub event on Feb. 11. in the Events Barn.

The plague of cynicism: do not follow Trump down the rabbit hole

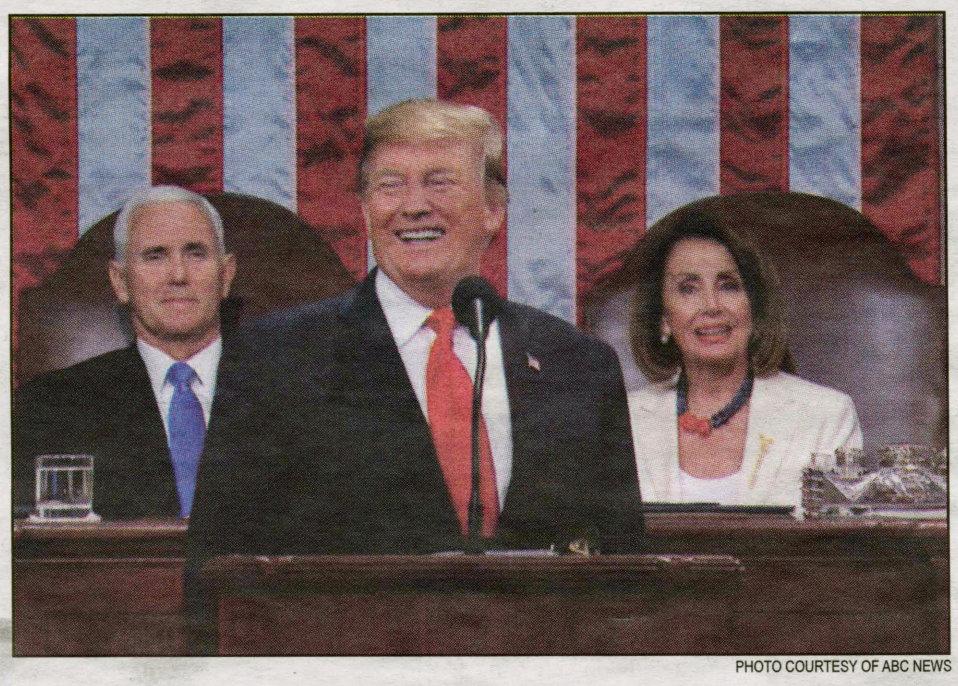
by Gabi De Mendonca Gomes '23
STAFF WRITER

Cynicism is plaguing the Democratic party, and if there is any hope to continue to advance at all, whether that be in a future Trumpian or Democratic era, a quarantine and extermination is necessary. Cynicism, both personal and organizational, have been shown to hinder progress and productivity. In such a negatively polarized environment, any further obstacles to agreements between the parties, even an intra-partisan one, will not present any long term benefits.

Donald Trump, since before his election in 2016, has instilled dread in almost every Democrat. This dread, as the years have passed, has devolved into something in the realm of cynicism and exasperation. Every new fragmented, disillusioned tweet that seems to somehow serve as a frenzying rally call to MAGA-cap bearing individuals, to Democrats is a frenzying—but in the entirely antithetical sense—gut-punch.

After almost four years of gut-punches with some small breaths of relief—the "blue wave" of November 2018 elections, for example—cynicism seems like the only possibility for the future. But it is not.

Unlike a racehorse with blinders, focusing on finishing the race at all costs, Democrats need to stop in their tracks, push the Republican jockey off their backs, and look around to notice any hope and optimism they are ignoring. Every grain or dust-bunny of non-cynicism—not even necessarily optimism—give Democrats opportunities to tear away from living in a constant state of predictable reactivity to Trump's precipitousness and Republicans' remorselessness.



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President Donald Trump delivers the State of the Union on Feb. 4 with Speaker of the House Pelosi and Vice President Pence behind.

Pelosi's actions during the State of the Union address epitomize my point, for she acted in an equivalent manner to Trump. In response to Trump not shaking her hand, Pelosi did not embellish his introduction, as is customary of the Speaker of the House. And in response to Trump's dramaticized claims and misleading numbers, she showed physical, blatant disapprobation, stripping away a layer of ceremoniousness normally involved in the State of the Union. Finally, Pelosi ripping his speech so that everyone nation-wide could see her condemnation, in turn, ripped away decorum and any kind of hope to co-legislate in yet another unprecedented way.

Now, my disapproval of her actions is not a vilification, and I am not ignoring that I also felt a repugnance towards the GOP—Trump and his bent truth, and members yelling as if they were at a rally—while watching the address, but my point is that demonstrating hatred in the way Pelosi did so dangerously mirrors the hostility that Trump and his party have and always will exhibit.

Moreover, albeit a strong demonstration of protest, gaining major headlines and mustering Democratic excitement, I propose that Pelosi's actions will not do well for the party in the long term. Rallying calls with likely fade with time, as even more outragerous headlines make their way to the front pages of major newspapers.

Trump will always force-feed the cycle of cynicism farce and starve it of fact. Democrats, therefore, must do the opposite, and replenish the famished with truth and hope, and yes, optimism. While Pelosi empowered today's Democratic frondeurs, she also gave them much fodder for cynicism, which will likely be pernicious to the party in the future if it hopes to seize opportunities for progress and maybe even win in 2020. With cynicism staining all the Democrats do, no results will come out clean enough to be acceptable or presentable.

Democrats need to break away and give up. Not give up in the cynical sense of an ultimate renouncement, but the relinquishing their desires for vengeance or any goal of vendetta or pettiness that Trump clearly shows himself as being after.

The Former First Lady, Michelle Obama, said before Trump's election, "When they go low, we go high," and, here, before Trump's potential reelection, the democrats, in terms of conduct, beliefs, and behavior, must go high.

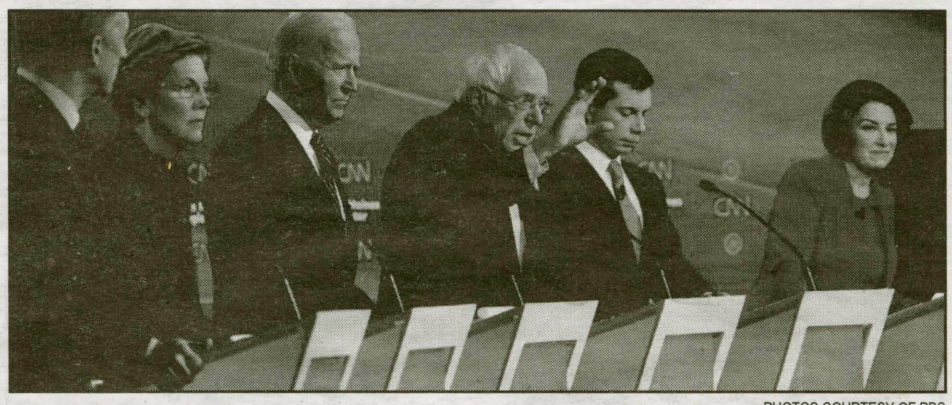
How and why Bernie Sanders will win the 2020 Democratic primary

by Will Ling '22
Opinion Editor

We are just about a week removed from the New Hampshire primary, and the Democratic nomination is still a bit of a toss-up. The beginnings of this primary cycle drew some apt comparisons to the Republican primary in 2016, when it seemed as though every politician with an "R" next to their name threw their hat into the ring. As time has gone on, the similarities to the 2016 Republican primary continue, as a once-abundant field of Democrats has shifted to a group of perceived front runners, with many prolific candidates falling from grace. Last spring when most candidates began declaring their intentions to run for president, very few pundits anticipated the first two contests being two person races between a young mayor from Southbend and a 78 year old democratic-socialist. With two weeks until Super Tuesday, each campaign is trying to show they belong, however, I think a lot of those efforts will be futile, and in the end Senator Bernie Sanders will be the nominee.

There has been a lot of conjecture over the plausibility of a Sanders nomination and I think a lot of that comes from media narratives. The first thing that needs to be dispelled is the notion that all of Sanders' support comes from "Bernie Bros," who are portrayed in the media as younger, toxic White men. In my opinion, Sanders has won the first two contests (he has won the popular vote in each state), and a large chunk of people believe this is a result of the predominantly white voter bases in these states matching up with the Bernie Bro base. This may come as a shock to a lot of people, but the candidate polling the best with non-white voters (especially Latinos) is Bernie Sanders. There is no denying that appealing to minorities was an issue for Sanders in the 2016 primary against Hillary Clinton, but that has changed, and the media has not properly portrayed this new narrative. The South Carolina primary is in ten days. Joe Biden once led by 28 percent in the polls as recently as late January. Sanders is now tied, and is polling better with Blacks under the age of 55 than Biden, and this is simply not talked about.

It is also important to note that Senator Sanders is garnering the majority of the progressive vote that a struggling Elizabeth Warren is also vying for. Her path to victory seems as slim as ever, and she has started to shift a bit more to the center with her rhetoric. Sanders' main competition in the first two contests has been Mayor Pete Buttigieg, and this has been a shock to many. However I am hard pressed to believe that a man polling in single digits with voters of color has a chance to win the nomination. After Super Tuesday, when a chunk of Southern states hold their primaries, I don't think Buttigieg will be able to stick around much longer. Buttigieg is one of the many candidates trying to appeal to the moderate base of the Democratic party, and with Biden, Klobuchar, Steyer, and now Bloomberg entering the fray, the moderate vote is undoubtedly split amongst these candidates, and this only boosts Sanders likelihood of victory.



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Democratic candidates during a debate before the Iowa Caucus. The 9th democratic debate was held in Nevada on Feb. 19.

Sanders excites the youth of this country unlike any candidate that has ran in a long time, and his polling with college students and more generally people ages 18-29 is fantastic. He has an army of dedicated individual donors that no other campaign comes close to rivaling, so money will not be a concern for Sanders. A lot of naysayers point to electability as being an issue for Sanders, believing that his "extreme" views will polarize Independents and voters in swing states. Frankly, I don't know what this argument is backed by. Sanders polls incredibly well with Independents, and in the 2016 primaries it was Sanders who won key swing states such as Michigan and Wisconsin (not to mention he was competitive all throughout the Rust Belt as a severe underdog). It is crucial to note that moderate views do not equate to Independent votes. Populist policy wins over the average voter. Donald Trump's phony populism won over in 2016 against a moderate candidate, and all indications showed that Sanders would have won that election. Other voters complain that Sanders isn't a "real" Democrat, but I find this to be a very shallow critique. I for one do not just vote for a label, but for an actual candidate. Is Joe Manchin, a Senator who has aligned with Trump on various issues including the Kavanaugh nomination more of a Democrat than Sanders simply because he is registered as one? Sanders has moved the Overton window of the Democratic party and has voted along their party lines for years.

All of these factors contribute to why I believe Bernie Sanders will be the Democratic nominee. He fought for years to bring his ideas into the mainstream and he succeeded in doing that, and now his next step is winning the Democratic nomination. I firmly believe that Bernie Sanders gives the Democrats their best chance in defeating Donald Trump. He has consistently polled higher than Trump and brings the excitment needed to win.

Thumbs Up | Thumbs Down | Who Cares?

Commons Deli Bar

I think we can all agree Commons has seemingly been going downhill and most of us dread having the same meal every day of the week for the rest of the semester. Yet, they have surprised us, not only by bringing the sushi guy back, but the DELI BAR! Now there are actual sandwich options and I could not be more excited.

Flu Season

I cannot think of a single person that has not been sick, whether just a cold or a high fever. What is happening? Every class has so many students missing, with most of them ill and bed-ridden. Let's hope those who are still healthy can stay away from everyone coughing and sneezing.

Snow

It's constant. Honestly, it doesn't phase me at this point. I walk outside and I can get all the way to my class without even noticing the snowflakes all over my clothes. Not sure if that's a good or bad thing?

by Talia Rosen '23

Disclaimer: The opinions expressed in this column are purely of a satirical nature, and are not representative of the views of *The Spectator* editorial board.

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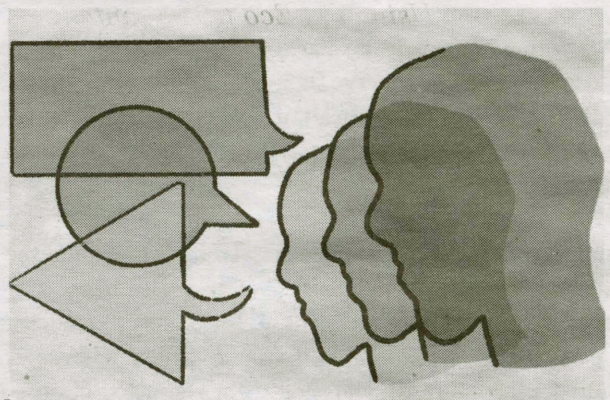

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Bike Squirrel

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Hometown: *Clinton, NY.*
Home on Campus: *Burke Library garbage cans.*
Major: *Dendrology.*
Turn on? *Nuts ;).*
Turn off? *@ NESCACsquirrels.*
If you were a dorm which would you be and why? *Dunham because I spend most of my time in trash cans.*
What TV genre best describes you? *BBC Earth documentaries narrated by David Attenborough*
What's the best pick-up line you've ever used/had used on you? *Are you a squirrel? Because you... wait, you're actually a squirrel. Nevermind. Why am I talking to a squirrel?*
What are three things you cannot live without? *Commons food waste, acorns, and bicycles.*
Where do you go when you want to be alone? *The darkest depths of a garbage can where it's just me and week-old London Broil.*
If you could join one group on campus, what would it be? *Vegan club, because I'm a little nuts and don't mind eating crappy food.*
If you could break one rule at Hamilton and get away with it, which would you choose? *Riding my sick bike across the Martin's Way bridge.*
Who would you say is your campus crush? *Whoever owns this bike. I'd date you just so I can ride it around.*
Who would you say is your faculty crush? *Bill Pfitsch.*
What would your perfect date be? *Pregaming in my nest, going to a Carn quad party, being disappointed, and of course, chilling on my bike seat.*
If you could remake the points system, what would be the number one offense? *Using the Eco to-go containers instead of putting your precious food waste in my garbage can.*
If you were a food, which would you be and why? *You may think I am going to say something involving a nut, but that is simply not true. Then I would have to suffer while my fellow squirrels consumed me. No, I would be a beef dish served at commons because then I would be absolutely impossible to eat.*
Lights on or lights off? *Lava lamp, baby.*
What's the last lie you told? *No one will ever know if I just sit on this bike for a second.*
What was your first thought this morning? *Is it a Rok night?*
What's the meaning of life? *The three Fs: Fame, faith, and financial stability. Never let yourself fall for the fourth F, which is fulfillment. All that a real Christian needs are the three Fs (yes, most squirrels are indeed followers of Christ.)*

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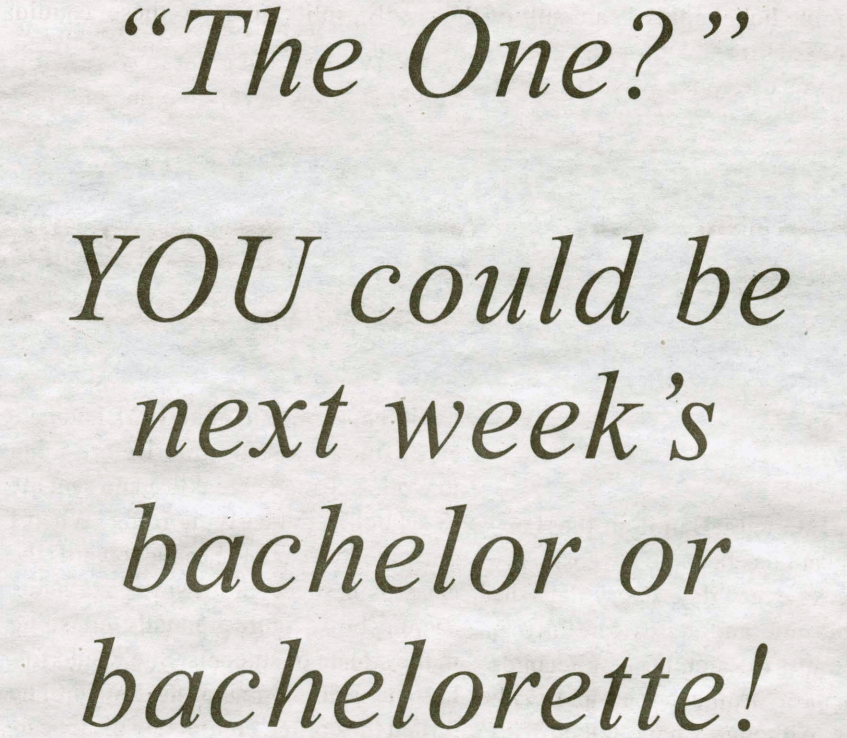

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Q&A with Director of Procurement and Administrative Services Lucy Burke

by Evan Robinson '23
Staff Writer

Last December, the college brought on Lucy Burke as Director of Procurement and Administrative Services. Burke is new to the Hamilton College staff and works in the Office of Auxiliary Services, tasked with duties such as the Hill Card services, dining services, the bookstore, Opus, Euphoria, and much more. Burke enjoys meeting new students and making new connections with faculty as well as the student body. I visited her in her office (located in the Bristol Center) for an illuminating conversation about her journey to Hamilton. The conversation is excerpted below.

How did you end up at Hamilton College?

Most recently, I was at Upstate Cerebral Palsy, a large human services agency that supports people with disabilities. It is a great agency and I was their Chief Administrative Officer. I've been very familiar with Hamilton for many years, and have always been interested in working in Higher Education. When I became aware of the position through a friend that works at Hamilton, I reviewed the job description and felt that my skillset would be a nice fit.

What are some things you guys do here?

The Auxiliary Department has a wide range of responsibilities for the Campus. One of the many important things we do that impacts students is managing the Hill Card program. Anywhere that you use your keycard to get in or pay for something is all managed out of this office. The other campus services that I oversee include Bon Appétit, the Bookstore, the Mail Center, and the Print Shop. Our office is also responsible for Laundry Services, vending, Opus, Euphoria and the purchasing process for the campus. Every day is busy, but it's fun, and we have a good team that works well together.

Another responsibility we have is to manage the campus housing. Not residential housing for the students, but the college-owned properties situated around the campus. Faculty and staff are able to buy or rent houses or apartments that are situated on campus land. We also review many of the contracts for products and services purchased for the campus community.

Are you from the area? You said you were familiar with Hamilton.

I am from Rome, it's about 25 minutes west of here. I grew up there and it has been a wonderful place to raise my family. I went to Binghamton University and I received my masters at SUNY Poly.

Do you encounter a lot of alumni working in the area?

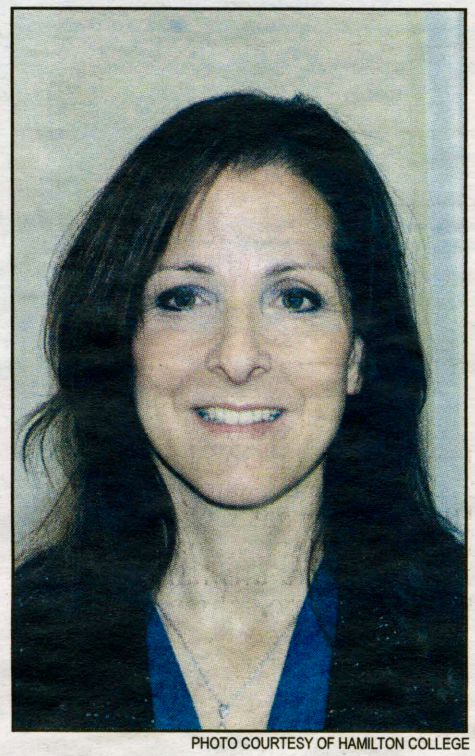
Yes. Actually, my financial advisor is a Hamilton alum and he's still very involved in the campus community. He's very involved with athletics and is on campus quite a bit doing speeches and helping recruit new students. Another Hamilton alum assisted a previous employer with its retirement program, she was very sharp and great to work with. So yes, I know several alums and they are all quite successful!

Do you still live close by?

Yes, I actually still live in Rome. I have three children, one finishing up College, one on the way to College and a son entering High School in the Fall.

Have you enjoyed being at Hamilton so far?

I really have. I think that one of the greatest things that I've experienced so far is the culture here. Everyone is very supportive of each other, and keeps the mission in mind, which is about the students. It is a very positive environment. I am very happy with my decision to come to Hamilton, every day I am learning something new, and meeting great people, and the students are fantastic.



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Lucy Burke (top) heads the College's Office of Auxiliary Services, which operates out of Bristol Center (bottom).

From Where I Sit

Hamilton's International Perspectives Column

by Rex Fan '23
Contributing Writer

Since I started at Hamilton, the Hamilton Webcam has become a website my mom checks every day. Every day, she counts the time and stares carefully at the screen just to catch the few seconds when I appear on the screen and walk to classes. Although I have talked with her about this many times, suggesting that we can do more video chats if she wants to see me, she insists on continuing to watch me on the Webcam.

In the past, I could not understand her sometimes. However, gradually, I realized that she had been doing this one activity for years. I was born in Wuxi, a small but beautiful city in China. In order to secure a better future for me, my father chose to leave Wuxi and work in Shanghai. He only came back on weekends. The heavy burden of taking care of me fell on my mother's shoulder. My mom did not quit her job but chose to go to work and take care of me at the same time. Before going to work, she made breakfast and sent me to school in the early morning. When I got out of the car and headed towards the classroom, she would always gaze at me, a young boy's figure gradually vanishing in the stream of students. She would follow the walking path of the boy until he turned the corner, completely disappearing from her sight. Was she expecting her child to turn around before heading to the classroom? No one knows. The only thing I know is that she watched the growing boy from kindergarten, to elementary school, to junior high, to senior high and finally to the day when he was heading to the US. She watched the tall boy picking up all the material and walking through the queen line. She kept her eye on the boy gradually moving towards the check point, one inch by one inch. Finally, it was the boy's turn to check in. He stood only a short time at the window, and then the figure once again vanished from her sight.

She cried. Deep inside her mind, she was not willing to send her son to a place further than her hand could reach. But she knew, the boy had grown up and it was time for him to fly away. From that day, Webcam became the website she checks every morning. Watching her son's receding figure in the camera, she has gradually come to understand what being a parent means: it means that the rest of your life is merely following your children with your eyes, slowly watching them move further and further away. So, you are standing on the end of the path, as their silhouette is drifting away at the corner of the road and his shadow silently tells you: 'No need to follow.' (Musong, Lung Ying-Tai)

Note: The last sentence is adopted from the famous female writer Lung Ying-Tai's book Musong. "Musong" means follow somebody with one's eyes in Chinese.

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'From Where I Sit' is a column dedicated to the voices of international students, immigrant generation students, and students from families where English is not spoken at home.

Unscramble the following six words:

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Use your answers from the **highlighted** blanks to answer the joke:

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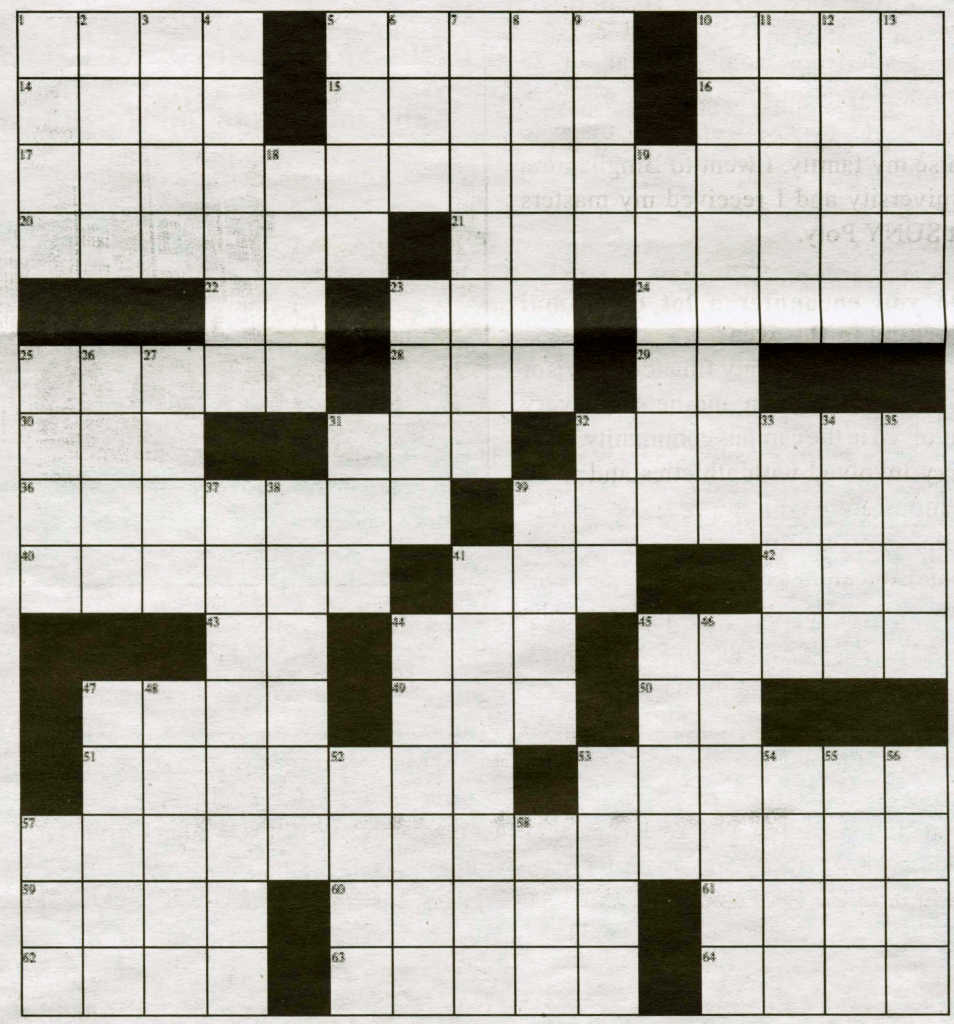
Crossword Puzzle: Hamilton Presidents

by Cliff Musial '21
Features Editor



ACROSS
1. NBA Laker Goodrich
5. With Bubba, chewing gum
10. Makes a cat's noise
14. In regards to, for short
15. ORD on a airplane ticket
16. The rhyme scheme in: It was cold/as blue ice/the sun was gold/gee I'm old
17. A successful TNT company?
20. Convert format
21. Short-necked marsh birds
22. Patriots home
23. Gluttony, for one
24. In a hurry
25. Mexican beach
28. Periods of additional game time
29. *A Day __ the Races* (1937 Marx Brothers film)
30. Cage of *National Treasure*
31. Tolkien's talking tree
32. Maverick and Goose's rival
36. Moving ever so slowly
39. Astounding greed
40. Be at
41. Work-related education, for short
42. Non-recoverable hardware error
43. One who controls the AUX?
44. Not trans
45. Liam Neeson thriller
47. A common culinary herb
49. Monkey
50. Pain interjection
51. Point before a change
53. Hamilton's first president
57. A sadist's least favorite part of the Bill of Rights?
59. Milk's favorite cookie
60. US President whose childhood nickname was "Barry"
61. "They're ____ us!"
62. Solar energy company
63. Vietnam's capital
64. 2017 Bollywood comedy

DOWN
1. Jeer
2. 4chan poster
3. Former North American stock car race
4. Snicket of *A Series of Unfortunate Events*
5. Refine
6. Minnesota-based healthcare company
7. Kirkland College's only president
8. Boston NHL team
9. Current time zone in Sydney
10. Watch out boy, she'll chew you up
11. Namesake discoverer of the Egyptian medical papyrus
12. Isn't in the past?
13. Full of abrasive spirit
18. It is brainstormed
19. Odysseus's home
23. Piece of music with lyrics
25. CBS Poker show
26. What dryer filters filter
27. Bank profile, for short
31. Point of termination
32. "Eureka! ___ figured it out!"
33. Weasel relative
34. Wile E. Coyote's supplier
35. No, in Dusseldorf
37. Instagram celeb Mr. Pokee, for one
38. Introduce by needle
39. Buttocks, in Britain
41. Hamilton's current president
44. Honeydew relative
45. Comic amphibian of *The Wind in the Willows*
46. "It'll be fun!"
47. Mixes with a spoon
48. "Oh boy"
52. "This doesn't look good"
53. ____ Brith, NY Jewish organization
54. Casino game
55. Biblical preposition
56. Academic journal resource, with J
57. A very, very long time
58. Like some alt-rock bands

Previous Puzzle Solutions

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CANCEL GARAGE

The deathly smell coming from the plane's overhead storage turned out to be someone's
CARRION LUGGAGE

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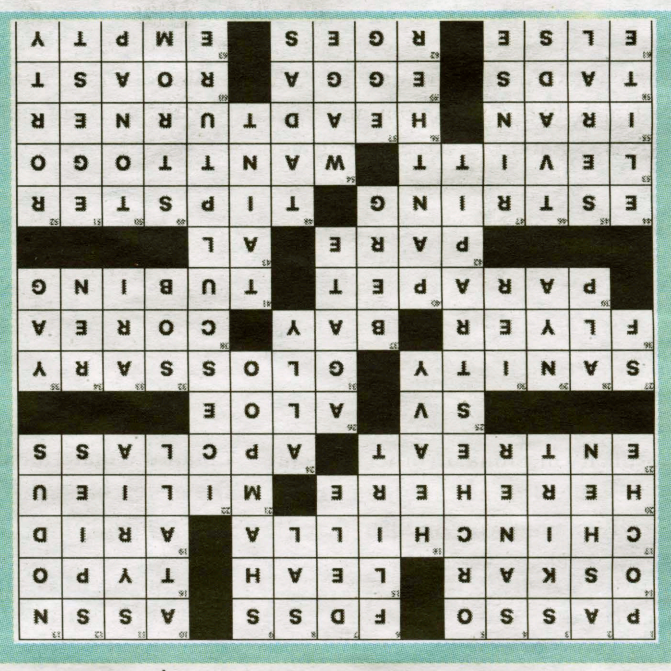

WHCL announces indie band Melt as headliner for upcoming concert

byEmma Mae Regan '22
A&E Editor

On Saturday, Feb. 22, WHCL and Sadove Late Night will host its first concert of the year in the Annex. The concert will feature indie band Melt, and student band Uptown Booty will open the show. Doors will open at 8:30 p.m., Uptown Booty will perform at 8:45 p.m., and Melt will perform at 9:30 p.m. The event is open to off-campus guests.

Melt is an indie band whose music blends funk, R&B and rock. The band consists of seven members: Veronica Stewart-Frommer on vocals, Eric Dickstein on keys and vocals, Marlo Shankweiler on guitar, Lucas Saur on bass, Nick Sare on saxophone, Aaron Alcouloumre on trumpet and Josh Greenzeig on drums. Melt's most well-known song may be "Sour Candy," which hit the #5 spot on Spotify's U.S. Viral 50 chart and has approximately three million Spotify listens. Other notable Melt songs include "Inside," "Oh Brother," and their newest single "Stupid in Love."

Graham Paull '20, WHCL Events Coordinator, said that when the WHCL E-Board was considering bands, WHCL Senior Advisor Alex Fergusson '20 proposed Melt.

"[Fergusson] was in a band junior year that covered a Melt song and suggested them. We had a vote on the bands that could have worked out and Melt proved victorious," said Paull.

Uptown Booty is a student band that "plays funk-ified, soul-saturated, jazz-infused covers of popular songs" according to Julian Snyder '22, Uptown Booty's bassist.

"[However], my official title is Chief Groove Officer. In my role, I am responsible for facilitating booty-shaking activities," said Snyder.

After discovering his love for music when he was 10 years old, Snyder played in dozens of bands. These experiences influenced his desire to join a band when he got to Hamilton.

"When I came to Hamilton College as a first-year, the Hamilton housing authority paired me with my roommate Ben, a phenomenally funky drummer. So when I heard about a funk group that was holding auditions, both of us sprang on the opportunity. We auditioned together our second week on campus, and have been playing together ever since," said Snyder.

In addition to Snyder, there are four other band members. "Anthony Reyes '20 plays the keys, and acts as the bandleader. He pushes us to try new harmonies and grooves in our arrangements, and always has spontaneous ideas for other players to try. Chris Victor '21 graces the world with his angelic voice and gives our music structure. Without him, we would jam out each song until half the crowd left. Andrew Little '22 plays rhythm guitar and adds spice to our sound. Ben Grummon '22 just lays it down on the drums and keeps the train chugging. If our music were an Irish stew, Ben's drumming is the meat and potatoes, my bass is the beef stock, Anthony's keys are the carrots, Andrew's guitar is a tasteful dash of oregano, and Chris' voice is the fire underneath it all," said Snyder.

Paull said that Uptown Booty felt like a natural choice to open because their sound lined up the best with Melt. Snyder thinks this opportunity is really special because this will be his first time in Uptown Booty opening for a professional band.

"Every show we have played was alongside other Hamilton bands, which are pretty low-stress gigs. We will have to step up our game for this show," said Snyder.

Both the WHCL board members and the two bands put a lot of work into planning and preparing for the event. As the WHCL Events Coordinator, Paull has been the point person in terms of coordinating the concert. His responsibilities have included reserving the event space, working with AV, preparing amenities for the bands the day of the concert, writing and editing the event's promotion video, and coordinating outreach, price negotiations, and paperwork with the bands.

PHOTO COURTESY OF TWITTER

WHCL and Sadove will host their first concert of the year on Saturday, Feb. 22. The concert will feature indie band Melt and open with student band Uptown Booty.

In addition to Paull's work, WHCL Publicity Director Mariam Saeid '23 is in charge of advertising and posters, WHCL Assistant Publication Editor Fran Cannon '23 shot the promotion video, WHCL Assistant Music Director Duncan Davies '21 is coordinating lighting, and the whole WHCL board has provided feedback and extra assistance.

Uptown Booty has spent the past month preparing for the concert. The band has been lugging heavy equipment to and from practice rooms on weekday nights, rehearsing material to make their performance tighter.

"We have learned a few new songs to keep our setlist fresh as well as rehearsing our old material. With every song we play, we try to change the groove of the original arrangement to make it our own, since the audience is usually already familiar with the song," said Snyder.

Paull is excited to meet the artists, watch the performance, and help create the stage.

"I'm really excited to see Melt because I feel like they are really close to blowing up in the Indie scene. It's always really great getting to meet the bands because they are so passionate about music and generally super nice. This is also our first show with improved lighting, which should add a whole new level to the experience. Davies is helping out with a new set up that will blow the boring old yellow lights out of the water," said Paull.

In addition to playing in the concert, Snyder is looking forward to talking music with Melt before the show.

"Melt is a really talented group that has seen a quick rise in popularity, and I would like to ask them about their experience transitioning from a college band to a professional act," said Snyder.

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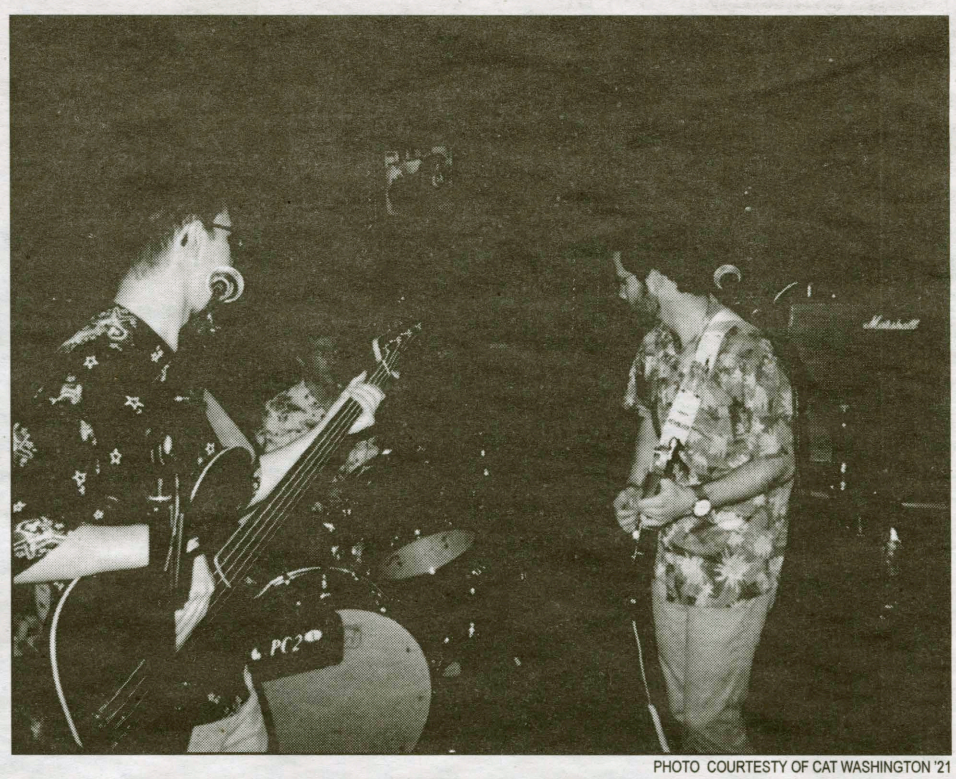
Melt's music blends funk, RnB, and rock. Some of their biggest songs include "Sour Candy", "Inside", "Oh Brother", and "Stupid in Love."



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(From L-R) Uptown Booty's Julian Snyder '22 (bass), Ben Grummon '22 (drums), and Andrew Little '22 (guitar) performing at a gig.

Spectator A&E Editors take on FebFest

by Karina Bayrakdarian '21
A&E Editor

In 1925, Hamilton hosted its first winter carnival, which the College hoped would become a seasonal tradition. Past carnival events included: ice sculpture contests, dance parties, figure skating exhibitions, a queen of the carnival contest and a final formal event which featured the likes of Duke Ellington and Glenn Miller. The annual event waned in the late 1990s and was revived as FebFest in 2000. With a chocolate tasting, a chili cook-off, and comedy show, FebFest encourages students and staff members to reconnect with one another and this beautiful snow-filled campus. With fellow A&E editor Emma Mae Regan '22, we decided to document our experiences at six of the 28 FebFest events.

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On Day 1 (Tuesday, Feb. 11), the Febfest Kickoff took place at the Sadove Terrace from 12 to 1 p.m. with a live ice sculpting of a polar bear, accompanied by a hot chocolate and baked goods table. Posing beside the ice sculpture is my good friend Gigi de Hechavarria '21. It was the perfect introduction to a week-long program of festivities.

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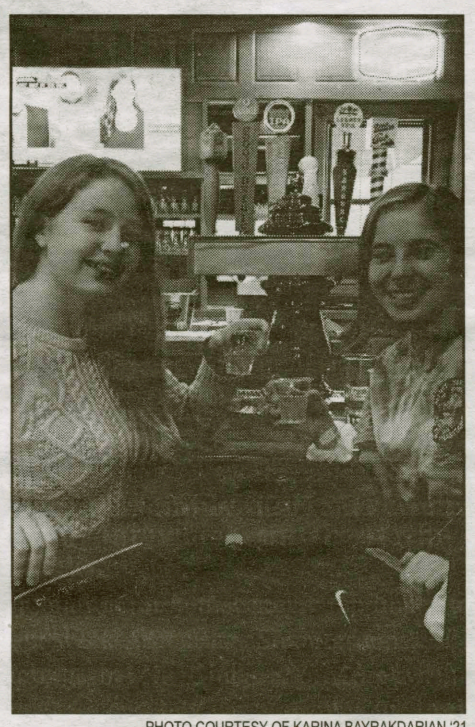
From 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Events Barn, the Campus Activities Board (CAB) hosted "Animals of the Arctic", a Build-A-Bear style event where students could make their own stuffed arctic animal toy. However, there were only 100 animals available and so animals had already run out by the time we arrived. Emily Fienco '23 shared her thoughts on the event: "My favorite part of the event was when people were going crazy over the stuffing and tiny t-sirts. I enjoyed seeing everyone turn on their maternal instincts and begin to take care of the stuffed animal they have chosen. In addition, my other favorite part was about how I was the last person to receive a stuffed animal! The Universe's timing is always right. Sorry Mariam (my friend who was right behind me and got cut off)."



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On Day 2 (Wednesday, Feb. 12), the Little Pub hosted "Beer Tasting with Ommegang Brewery" from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Although Emma Mae and I are both under 21 and could not participate, we were still able to interview some students who attended. Fiona Duckworth '21 commented, "I went to the event because I love the atmosphere of the pub and I was interested in trying something new (and it helped that it was free). My favorite beer was probably (and surprisingly) the third one (I can't remember the name, sorry), which was an IPA with a citrus taste to it. I'd definitely go again next year if FebFest decides to do it again. It was a great way to spend a Wednesday afternoon."

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At 8 p.m., CAB hosted a comedy show that featured Hamilton's improv group, Yodapez, opening for law-student-turned-comedian, Guy Branum. Along with poking fun at how the Events Barn looked like it was "made by elves" and why students decided to attend a college with such cold winters, Branum also singled out audience members and playfully commented on their appearances.

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On Day 3 (Thursday, Feb. 12), Emma Mae and I attended the Food Truck Rodeo at 4:30 p.m. on the Sadove Terrace. The four food trucks present were from Mangia Macrina, Ting's Twist on Thai, Holy Smoques and Jefe's Taco Truck. Emma Mae and I opted for Mangia Macrina and acquired two delicious margherita pizzas.

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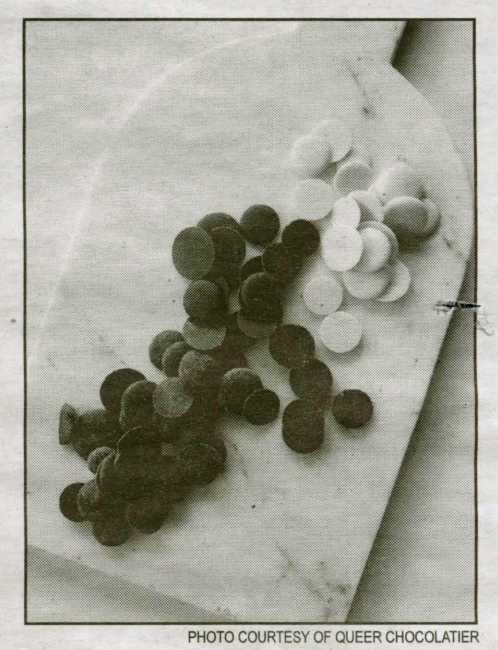
At 8 p.m., CAB hosted an acoustic concert with Myles Cameron as opener and bülow as the main singer. Myles Cameron is a 21-year-old senior at Yale University originally from Westchester, New York. His recently released single, "Yellow", was one of my favorite song that he performed. The ballad-like melody, mixed with the artist's falsettos and angelic lyricism, transported me to a warm dream day with my crush that I never want to wake up from. In contrast, bülow (real name Megan Bülow) is a 20-year-old Canadian singer-songwriter originally from the Netherlands. I was actually familiar with bülow's music before the concert and I am a big fan of her albums "Damaged Vol. 2" and "Crystalline". bülow started her set with "You and Jennifer", which was inspired by a real-life cheating situation. My other song favorites are "SAD AND BORED", "Get Stüpid", "FINE" and "Euphoria". The concert was a fun oportunity for students to discover new music and just vibe on a Thursday night.



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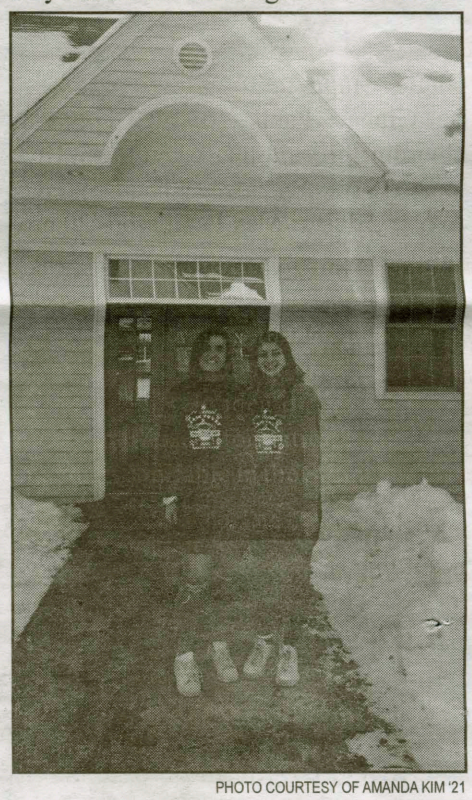
On Day 4 (Friday, Feb. 13), students celebrated Valentine's Day with a chocolate tasting in Sadove Student Center living room on at 4:30 p.m. Students piled their plates with chocolate mousse, chocolate cheesecake and other decadent desserts. They also had the opportunity to decorate Valentine's Day cards for their significant others.



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We finished off the FebFest festivities with the College's 27th Annual Chili Cook-Off, which took place in the Little Pub on Saturday, February 15 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The event brought students, professors and staff together to compete, eat and share the result of their cooking abilities with one another. We submitted our own chili dish, called "Clown Confection", which we cooked Friday afternoon in the fourth floor Root Dorm common room. All participants, cookers and tasters were allowed to vote among the chili samples made by members of the Hamilton community. Participants were given a sheet with a list of the different chili names to make their vote. While tasters tried different chili samples, the cookers — draped with navy blue aprons — did what they could to promote their own chili. Even though we did not win the competition, Emma Mae and I had a lot of fun attending each of the events. We gained a deeper appreciation of the campus through this experience and look forward to participating in next year's FebFest.

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NBA All-Star weekend puts a pause on the NBA regular season

by Matt Cappelletti '21
Staff Writer

The 2020 NBA All-Star Weekend was a little dramatic, but an overall hit for players and fans across the league. Every year, All-Star Weekend breaks up the 82-game regular season and is a time for players to allow their bodies to recuperate. The weekend showcases 24 of the NBA's best athletes in the All-Star Game, as well as others in events like the Slam Dunk Contest and the Skills Challenge over three days.

Friday features the NBA All-Star Celebrity Game, which was first held in 2003. Participants include retired NBA players, WNBA players, musicians, actors, and other athletes. As basketball and hip-hop have grown closer in recent years, there has been an increase in rapper or hip-hop artist participation. This year we saw Quavo, Chance the Rapper, Common, and Bad Bunny participate in the event. Following the Celebrity Game, the Rising Stars Challenge, formerly called the "Rookie Game" is played. In 2015, the format of the game was switched to the USA vs. the World setup and young athletes like Ja Morant and Zion Williamson get the opportunity to throw down some nasty dunks while nobody plays defense.

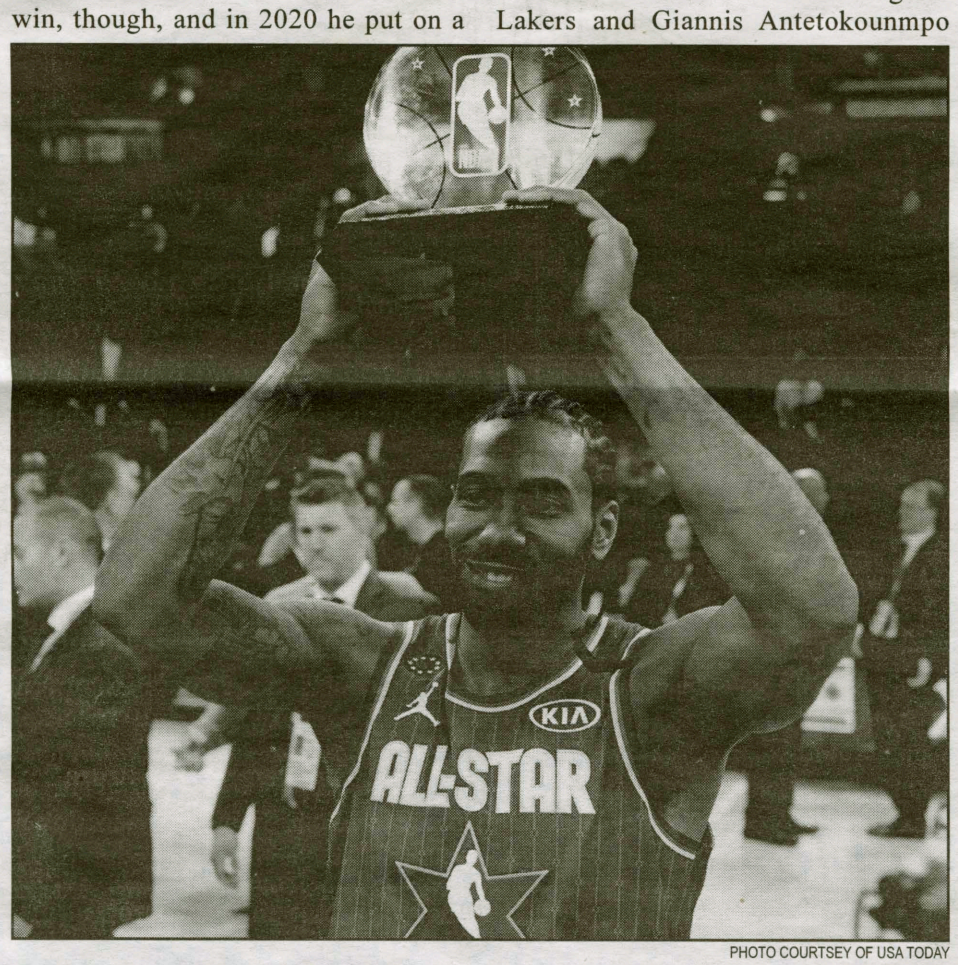
Saturday includes the Slam Dunk Contest, the Three-Point Contest, and the Skills Challenge. This year's Three-Point Contest winner was Buddy Hield of the Sacramento Kings. The Skills Challenge winner was Bam Adebayo of the Miami Heat, who is having a break-out year. Now, the dramatic part: the winner of the Slam Dunk Contest…Derrick Jones Jr.?!

The rules of the Dunk Contest are subject to change each year, however, it is standard that many of the rules of basketball like traveling and double-dribbling do not apply during competition. With respect to the scoring, competitors are awarded a score out of 10 from five different judges after each dunk. Since other players' reactions are seen before the scores are awarded, and only five people give scores, the contest might be a little rigged. Regardless, it is always an incredible exhibition of athleticism and creativity from the dunkers. This year's participants were Pat Connaughton of the Milwaukee Bucks (who wore an awesome shirt from White Men Can't Jump, a famous basketball movie from 1992), Dwight Howard of the Los Angeles Lakers (famous for his Superman Dunk and 2008 Dunk Contest Win in New Orleans), Derrick Jones Jr. of the Miami Heat, and Aaron Gordon of the Orlando Magic.

The final round of the Dunk Contest featured Gordon and Jones Jr. Aaron Gordon had not competed in the Contest since 2016 which he lost to Zach Lavine in a controversial final round. Gordon was determined to win, though, and in 2020 he put on a show. Gordon dunked over 7'5" center, Tacko Fall, of the Boston Celtics which was thought to secure his win, yet his score of 47 was not enough to beat Jones Jr. The sports world went into a frenzy on social media and when Gordon was asked if he will ever participate in the Dunk Contest again, he said, "Nah, it's over for that." Dwyane Wade, the former Miami Heat superstar, was criticized for only giving Gordon a 9 on the last dunk – maybe because he had some bias toward the Miami Heat dunker – although two other judges did as well.

The Sunday night All-Star Game was a massive hit. In 2018, the rules changed to allow two captains from the league to draft their teams, rather than the old format of East and West Coast All-Stars. This year's captains were Lebron James of the Los Angeles Lakers and Giannis Antetokounmpo of the Milwaukee Bucks. Now, even teammates can play against each other, seen in this year's matchup between Ben Simmons and Joel Embiid of the Philadelphia 76ers. In years past, the game was thought to be way too high-scoring and uninteresting – it was similar to the Rising Stars Game where nobody plays defense and each team scores 200+ points. This year, the change incentivized better competition. The rules changed to allow the winner of each quarter to donate $100,000 to a Chicago community-based organization or charity of their choice. The new game ending or fourth quarter is untimed and the two teams compete toward a final target score, meaning the game ends on a made basket or free throw instead of the clock running out. Each of the first three quarters begins with a score of 0-0 and is 12 minutes long. The final target score this year was 24 in honor of the late Kobe Bryant, who wore number 24 for the last 10 seasons of his career. This was not the only way Kobe Bryant was honored, though. His number 24 was worn by half of the players in the All-Star Game and his daughter Gigi's number 2 was worn by the other half. Chicago Rapper, Common, paid tribute to Kobe and his daughter before the game, as well as Jennifer Hudson. The MVP Award, won by Kawhi Leonard of the Los Angeles Clippers, was renamed the Kobe Bryant MVP Award and fans and players are trying and have started a petition to change the current NBA logo of Jerry West to a silhouette of Kobe's jump shot.

Team Lebron was victorious, with a final score of 157-155. Damian Lillard was unable to play due to a right groin strain. Devin Booker thought to be an All-Star 'snub,' was given the chance to play in his spot. The NBA is thought to be more of an entertainment league than other sports but they have done a great job maintaining interest from fans, as seen in this year's All-Star Weekend.



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Kawhi Leonard won the Kobe Bryant All-Star MVP Award, which was recently renamed in the star's honor.

Winter playoffs preview:

Men's Basketball

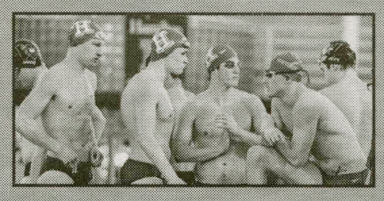
After two big wins this past weekend, the Hamilton men's basketball team has secured their spot in the NESCAC Championship. The team will be traveling to Medford, Massachusetts on Feb. 22 to take on the No. 1 seed, the Tufts' Jumbos.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team heads to Brunswick, Maine on Feb. 22 to play in their first NESCAC Championship in five years. The team, comprised of thirteen players, including three seniors, will be taking on the Bowdoin College Polar Bears.

Men's Swim and Dive

The men's swimming and diving team will be attending the NESCAC Championships at Williams College this weekend. The meet will run from Thursday, Feb. 20 to Sunday, Feb. 23 with all 11 NESCAC teams participating.



Women's Squash

The women's squash team will be heading to Yale University this weekend for the CSA National Team Championships. On Friday, Feb. 21, the Continentals will take on a familiar NESCAC opponent, the Amherst College Mammoths.

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Athlete of the Week: Ty Kunzman '20

Ty Kunzman '20 is a senior thrower for the Hamilton men's track and field team. He greatly contributed to Hamilton's second place finish at the Class of '32 Invitational hosted by Colgate University on Feb. 15. Kunzman broke Hamilton's program record for the weight throw, previously held by him. Kunzman's weight throw went a distance of 18.23 meters, which moves him up to seventh place on the NCAA Descending Order List.

Hometown:
Spencer, New York.

Position:
Thrower.

Favorite Professional Athlete:
Yuriy Sedykh (World Record Hammer Thrower).

How did you get introduced to track and field?
I was first introduced to track and field by my older sister, Maia. Through attending her meets, I gained an appreciation for certain aspects of the sport: the competitiveness and comradery expressed by opposing athletes, physical demands associated with participation, and the intertwining of the team and individual components of the sport.

What is your favorite thing to do on campus besides your sport?
I enjoy spending time with my friends, lifting, and attending other sporting events.

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What has been your favorite sports moment at Hamilton?
My favorite sports moment at Hamilton was breaking the track and field program's weight throw record for the first time and placing second at Atlantic Region Championships my sophomore year.

What attracted you to Hamilton'strack and field program?
In determining what college to attend, I based my selection on where I could have equally enriching opportunities for academic and athletic success. On recruiting visits, the coaches seemed incredibly committed to the program's success and that of the athletes involved. I was also eager for the opportunity to compete in the NESCAC, one of the toughest track and field conferences in Division III.

What is the toughest obstacle you have had to ovecome in your athletic career?
Honestly, this is a hard question to answer as I have a lengthy list of injuries that I have had to overcome in my athletic career. Most recently, I suffered a leg injury – spiral fracture of my left fibula, separation of my tibia and fibula, and lots of torn cartilage – that required surgery to insert a metal rod, six screws, and a device to keep my ankle in one piece. It was an extremely lengthy and painful recovery process, and due to mobility issues it was hard to stay involved with the track and field program.

What are you most looking forward to this season?
I am looking forward to spending time with the program's coaching staff and the other track and field athletes. The coaching staff has had a profound impact on my athletic and personal development and I appreciate all of the wisdom that they have bestowed upon me. And, all of my past and present teammates have made competing for this program an incredibly enjoyable experience. I am also looking forward to the opportunity to compete at nationals this year, as I missed qualifying last year by one place/1cm.

If you weren't on the track and field team, what Hamilton sports team would you want to be on and why?
If I could play on any other sports team at the college, I would love to play for the football team. I was on the football team here for my first two years, but had to stop playing due to repeated knee injuries.

Last Week's Scores: Week of Feb. 10

Men's Basketball (15-8) on Feb. 14 vs. Conn. College

	1	2	F
Conn. College	37	43	80
Hamilton	33	55	**88**

Men's Basketball (16-8) on Feb. 15 vs. Trinity

	1	2	F
Trinity	46	25	71
Hamilton	53	37	**90**

Women's Basketball (15-8) on Feb. 14 at Conn. College

	1	2	F
Conn. College	26	29	55
Hamilton	27	34	**61**

Women's Basketball (16-8) on Feb. 15 at Trinity

	1	2	OT	2OT	F
Trinity	32	26	8	8	**74**
Hamilton	30	28	8	5	71

Men's Hockey (10-7-4) on Feb. 14 vs. Tufts

	1	2	3	F
Tufts	0	2	0	2
Hamilton	0	2	3	**5**

Men's Hockey (10-8-4) on Feb. 15 vs. Connecticut College

	1	2	3	OT	F
Conn. College	2	0	0	1	**3**
Hamilton	2	0	0	0	2

Women's Hockey (13-8) on Feb. 14 at Wesleyan

	1	2	3	F
Wesleyan	0	0	1	1
Hamilton	0	4	1	**5**

Women's Hockey (14-8) on Feb. 15 at Wesleyan

	1	2	3	F
Wesleyan	0	1	0	1
Hamilton	2	3	0	**5**

Women's Swimming and Diving on Feb 13-16 at NESCAC Championships: 10th of 11

Men's Track and Field on Feb. 15 at Class of 32 Invitational: 2nd f 8

Women's Track and Field on Feb. 15 at Class of 32 Invitational: 3rd of 8

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Women's Basketball makes NESCAC tournament for first time since 2015

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The Hamilton College Women's Basketball team has secured their spot in the NESCAC tournament for the first time since 2015. This past weekend, the Continentals went 1–1 to finish out their regular season play, defeating Connecticut College 61-55 on Friday, Feb. 14 and losing a close game to Trinity College in double overtime on Saturday, Feb. 15 (74-71). This gave the team a final conference record of 5–5 and overall record of 15–9—one of the best in program history.

During their 2018-2019 season, the first season working with new head Coach Mahogany Green, the Continentals were unable to secure a conference win, despite numerous competitive games. The team came into the 2019-2020 season with the mindset that there was nowhere to go but up. While the team started off 0-2 during their first weekend of conference play against Williams College and Middlebury College, they only let it fuel their fire even more and reminded them of the mission they were on: to make the tournament. The following weekend they put up an exciting fight in their home opener against #1 Tufts University. That game came down to the wire as the team only lost by one point (63-62). Though they lost, this game marked a pivotal moment in the season that gave the reassured the team that if they could play with the #1 Division III team in the country, they could play with anyone.

The following day, the Continentals earned their first NESCAC win under Coach Mo against Bates College (63-59). This win got the ball rolling as it was the first of four straight conference wins against #5 Amherst College (56-55), Wesleyan University (58-51) and Colby College (61-44). Their final win against Connecticut College gave Hamilton an identical record to Trinity. Because they lost to Trinity, however, the team earned the No. 6 seed in the conference tournament.

"Honestly, I'm just really grateful for this season," said Liz Arnold '22. "I think that it was really nice that things were able to come together. The fact that we were able to overcome the difficulties that we had last year and for things to finally click after a lot of struggle was really motivating and I am excited to keep pushing the program further in the years to come and build off of what we did this year."

Scout Lansing '21 also added, "I am on top of the world right now and I can't wait to play for a shot at winning the NESCAC championship this year. It gave our team the confidence we needed when we proved to ourselves and everyone watching that we were finally here and prepared to compete with every team in our league down to the final buzzer."

Since the team proved that they have what it takes to play with and defeat nationally ranked teams, they are locked in as they look ahead to the end of the week when they will compete in the NESCAC Tournament quarterfinal against #4/#5 Bowdoin College. This is the third time that they have been in the tournament since joining the NESCAC in 2011. This has also given the Continentals a chance at making history and winning the NESCAC tournament for the first time. The game will take place on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 3 PM in Brunswick, ME. A win against the Polar Bears would mean the team would play in the semifinals on Saturday, Feb. 29.

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The women's basketball team qualified for the NESCAC Championships this year, which is only the third time that they have qualified for the tournament since joining the NESCAC in 2011.